

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From Some Editorial Notes:

The A. M. A. Meeting.—The annual meeting of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City was a distinct success. The attendance was very good—within a small number of reaching the high water mark for Atlantic City meetings. A very large amount of work was done by the House of Delegates, but probably the most important single action taken was the decision to call a meeting of the secretaries of all State Medical organizations to be held in Chicago this fall, for the purpose of securing some more generally similar and satisfactory method of regulating membership. The President, in his address to the House of Delegates, made some recommendations that would have been far reaching and disastrous had they been carried out. But the House of Delegates wisely rejected these, and perhaps the most charitable thing to do is to make no further comment. Minneapolis is to be the place of the next meeting, the exact date not having as yet been determined. The officers elected are as follows:

President-Elect, Dr. John A. Witherspoon, Nashville, Tenn. . . .

Serious Horrors.—Bernard Shaw, in his preface to "Three Plays by Brieux," has some most pertinent reflections. "Nothing that is admittedly and unmistakably horrible matters very much, because it frightens people into seeking a remedy; the serious horrors are those which seem entirely respectable and normal to respectable and normal men." . . .

From an article on "The California State Tuberculosis Commission." By George H. Kress, M. D., Los Angeles, *Chairman of the Commission.*—The particular reason for giving the California State Tuberculosis Commission a place on this morning's program was to officially and briefly call to the attention of the members of the State Medical Society, somewhat of the nature of this newly formed State commission and some of the things it hoped to do.

As you all know, the last Legislature appropriated \$5,000, to be spent by a special tuberculosis commission to be appointed by the California State Board of Health, this commission to use this money to "ascertain the effects of localities, employments, conditions and circumstances on the health of those developing tuberculosis, and to determine the best means of eradication thereof." . . .

The State Board of Health appointed on the executive board of five, the following persons:

Dr. C. C. Browning of Los Angeles, Miss Katherine Felton of San Francisco, Dr. R. G. Broderick of San Francisco, Mr. A. Bonnheim of Sacramento, Dr. George H. Kress of Los Angeles, Chairman. . . .

From an article on "Rabies, and Its Present Status in California." By Wilbur A. Sawyer, M. D., *Director of the Bureau of the Hygienic Laboratory of the California State Board of Health, Berkeley.*—Efforts to check the spread of rabies, or hydrophobia, among the dogs of California are greatly hampered by the difficulty in obtaining authoritative statements of fact regarding the present situation. Many controversial articles and conflicting theories are being read and discussed, and it is no wonder that the public and, to a large extent, the medical profession of California are unaware of the true state of affairs. This article will attempt to present the facts needed by those who are trying to check the spread of the disease among dogs and to make its transmission to people impossible.

The early part of the present epizootic was reported by Black and Powers [Health Officers of Pasadena and Los (Continued in Front Advertising Section, Page 19)]

† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS

At a regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners held in Native Sons Hall, San Francisco, June 28 to July 1, inclusive, approximately 175 applicants wrote the examination, including approximately twenty chiropodists and one druggless practitioner.

Eighteen licentiates charged with various infractions of Section 14 of the Medical Practice Act, were called for hearing, with the following results:

Baker, Robert V., M. D., was on June 29, 1937, found guilty and placed on probation for five years.

Cary, Frank T., M. D., charged with conviction of violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act, was on June 30, 1937, revoked.

Chernyh, Sergey N., M. D., cited because of his conviction of violation of the State Narcotic Act, was on July 1, 1937, placed on probation for two years.

Gardner, Henry L., M. D. (initiated January 6, 1933), continued to the October, 1937, meeting.

Long, Oscar Charles, M. D., convicted of violation of the Harrison Act; conviction affirmed June 7, 1937, by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, has his case continued to the Sacramento meeting of the Board, awaiting filing of a remittitur.

Long, Samuel C., M. D., alleged illegal operation. Revoked July 1, 1937.

Long, Thomas Sherman, M. D., charged with use of fictitious name, was on July 1, 1937, placed on probation for a period of five years.

McLellan, Gordon Lawrence, M. D., charged with narcotic dereliction. Revoked July 1, 1937.

Niemann, Theodore H., M. D., charged with violation of probation re narcotics. Revoked July 1, 1937.

Reorda, Caterina (midwife), charged with practicing beyond the limitations of her midwife license. Revoked June 30, 1937.

Steddon, Francis, M. D., narcotic dereliction. Revoked July 1, 1937.

Teepell, William, M. D., use of fictitious name. Probation for five years, July 1, 1937.

Tweedie, Arthur M., M. D., violation of probation re narcotics. Revoked June 30, 1937.

Watts, George E., M. D. Second complaint, abortion, dismissed June 29, 1937, because of his death May 20, 1937.

Whiteside, Harold H., M. D., June 29, 1937, guilty as charged. Penalty deferred.

Williams, Edward Huntington, M. D., conviction of violation of Harrison Act affirmed June 30, 1937. Probation two years without narcotic permit or privileges.

Wyatt, Thomas D., M. D., alleged illegal operation. July 1, 1937, continued to October meeting.

The license of Robert J. McAdory, M. D., revoked July 15, 1926, was on July 1, 1937, restored.

News

"Dr. F. N. Folsom was arrested here today on a charge of violating the State Narcotic Laws. A. J. O'Ferrall, State Narcotics Agent, who swore to the complaint, said Doctor Folsom was accused of writing prescriptions for narcotics under fictitious names." (Associated Press Dispatch, dated Santa Rosa, June 17, printed Sacramento Union, June 18, 1937.)

"Four persons, all charged with conspiracy to commit an illegal operation, were found guilty by a jury yesterday in the court of Superior Judge Sylvain Lazarus. The four, who will be sentenced on Tuesday, were Minerva Geddes, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Zoffel, and Mrs. Eland Swindell. The quartet was arrested July 16, 1936, when a police homicide detail, acting on information from the sister of a woman who died as the result of an illegal operation, raided (Continued in Front Advertising Section, Page 22)

† The office addresses of the California State Board of Medical Examiners are printed in the roster on advertising page 6.